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Dear Robert and Dr. Benn:

Thank you for participating in today's call with EPA. At your request, we have identified a number of areas for collaboration and assistance between EPA and the Navajo Nation. This is by no means a comprehensive list, but rather a way to initiate discussions regarding specific items to address the Navajo Nations short-term and long-term needs in connection with the Gold King Mine incident. Our goal would be for our teams to work together to prioritize action items.

Reimbursement for Response Costs

EPA is committed to reimburse all eligible response costs incurred by the Navajo Nation. This could include Navajo Nation expenses incurred in carrying out temporary emergency measures during this incident. The mechanism would be in the form of a Cooperative Agreement.

In addition to reimbursement of eligible response costs, we have discussed a number shorter term items to assist the Navajo related to the incident, including:

Data

- Explore third party interpretation/validation of pre-incident and incident data sets;
- Assist Navajo Nation EPA or third party with the collection and analysis of additional sediment and shoreline samples

Risk Communication

- Assist with messaging of incident related potential risks to crops and livestock for farmers, ranchers and other members of the Navajo Nation

In addition, we would like to work with the Navajo Nation on longer term issues:

Cultural Resources

- Help characterize incident-related impacts to the Navajo Nation's cultural resources

Long Term Watershed Monitoring

- Support the Navajo Nation inputs and engagement into the long term watershed monitoring strategy.

We would like to follow up with a call later this week to begin to flesh out this approach.

Regards, Jared

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